

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

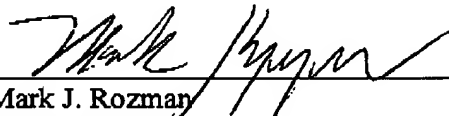
Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1, 2, 4 and 6 are allowed, and that claims 21 and 22 include allowable subject matter.

Claim 19 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 21, indicated to be allowable. Note also that claim 19 has been amended to clarify the relationship between the sandwich layer and the other layers. Similarly, claim 22 has been placed in independent form. Note that claim 22 also has been amended to clarify the relationship between the third nitride layer and the second metal layer. New dependent claims 26-29 depend from allowable claim 22. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentable.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

Respectfully submitted,

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